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News worth sharing.

Rough and rollin'

► Two groups of local women play —
Thames Fatales and Lunch Ladies

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It's rough-and-tumble, pitting woman against woman, where body contact is the name of the game and it's not uncommon to end up in the crowd.

But it's also a sport where everyone has a place and ladies rule, finding fun and camaraderie while getting fit.

It's called roller derby and here in London, the Forest City Derby Girls are queens of the sport.

Both squads travel across the province, sometimes even further afield, to play games.

"A lot of the teams we play against are very, very competitive and we like to be competitive too, but we also like to keep it fun. And

we love to win, too," said player-coach

► They make up sole full-contact roller derby league in the area
► Sport featured in Ellen Page/Drew Barrymore flick, Whip It

Stephanie Fox.
"It's about getting fit,
and having fun



► Carly Blanchard during a recent practice for the Forest City Derby Girls roller derby team.

**LOCO
team has
less
contact**

The Forest City Derby Girls aren't the only roller derby league in town. For women looking for a recreational league with less contact, there's the LOCO Recreational Roller Derby League, which has teams in London, Kitchener and Stratford.

Started last year, teams emphasize fitness and fun like the full-contact league but use a modified set of rules, "to reduce injury and to make the sport more accessible to all women and all athletic abilities," says a note on their website. Check them out at locorollerderby.com.

● KYLE REA

Bring It On

► Both squads have started their 2011 season — their first home game is May 28 versus the Nickel City Knockouts (Sudbury) at the Canada Building, Western fairgrounds.
► Check them out at facebook.com/forestcityderbygirls

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Former PM Jean Chrétien climbs back into the political ring to take swings at Stephen Harper. Video at metronews.ca

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Pair charged in stabbing, collision

Two London men are facing charges in a bizarre incident that involved a stabbing and a collision.

Early Wednesday, the men got into an argument around Quebec and Oxford streets. Police say one of the men rammed a truck into the other man's home.

The man in the truck was then allegedly stabbed by the other man. Police say he fled the scene and then hit a vehicle nearby.

Police say John Walker, 52, was stabbed and is in critical condition. He faces four charges, including assault with a weapon and property damage. Jessie Edwards, 37, is charged with aggravated assault.

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► Prince William and Kate Middleton

Offer your good wishes

The City of London is providing a book of congratulations at the city hall lobby so you can offer your good wishes to Prince William and Kate Middleton for their April 29 wedding.

The book is available Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. until April 27. It will then be forwarded to Buckingham Palace. ● METRO



► Prof. James Miller, literature professor at Western and founder of the Pride Library.

Library takes pride in its collection

► Western facility has the largest collection of LGBT literature at any university in Canada and among the largest collections in the world

Tucked away in a corner of Western's Weldon Library sits a collection of books that's a feather in the cap for not only the university, but for the queer community in London as a whole.

It's the Pride Library and it boasts more than 10,000 books, plus archives, with a definite focus on the past, present and future of gays, lesbians and other sexual minorities.

"We're fast becoming the collective memory of the community here," said Prof. James Miller, the library's founder. He said it contains a history of Lon-

Did you know?

- Opened on Valentine's Day 1997, the original library consisted of 80 books and was located in Prof. James Miller's office in University College.

don's gay community, and it's also a social space where members of the Forest City's queer community can gather.

"I think that many people in London might suppose the Pride Library is just for university students

- The library gained official status in 1998 and moved to Weldon Library in 2005.
- Visit the Pride Library on the web at uwo.ca/pridelib or call 519-661-2111, ext. 85828.

doing research and that's absolutely not the case. Anybody can come and make use of our resources."

Books available range from gay and lesbian histories to those written by openly gay authors, and even an "extraordinarily

large collection of gay pulp fiction novels from the 1940s to the '70s.

Miller said the library has also been praised for freedom of speech for its homophobic collection — a blown-up cover of one of the suspect books hangs on a wall.

"We have not just works about homophobia or authors resisting it, but actual homophobic texts, which we think are very important to include in a library like this in order to study them," Miller said. "I think those works should be here." ● KYLE REA

170K illegal cigarettes seized

London RCMP have seized 170,000 contraband cigarettes following a routine traffic stop in Southwold Township.

The bust was made Monday when members of the OPP pulled over a vehicle in Elgin County. The vehicle was later searched and police discovered 17 cases of contraband tobacco inside. RCMP officers were called

\$42,500

If convicted, both suspects could face maximum fines of \$42,500 and a prison term of up to five years.

in and seized the illegal smokes.

The suspects, a 63-year-

old man and a 19-year-old man, both from Quebec, are charged with possession of a tobacco product not properly stamped.

Anyone with information regarding the sale and manufacturing of contraband tobacco is asked to contact the RCMP at 1-800-387-0020 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-265-4444.

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News in brief

New dean appointed

EDUCATION. King's University College has appointed Dr. Sauro Camiletti as its new academic dean, effective July 1.

Camiletti was born in Sudbury and joined the department of mathematics at King's in 1978.

Buckle those seatbelts

POLICE. If you don't already buckle up, now's the time to start.

Until April 23, police will be on the lookout to bring seatbelt usage over 90 per cent. They're taking a zero-tolerance.

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Western brass takes Playboy props in stride

► Magazine's May issue, which enshrines UWO at No. 4 on its list of party schools, is out on Friday

Now that Western's status as a top North American party school has been set in stone by Playboy magazine, the question remains: Can it be well-known for its party atmosphere and academic success?

Playboy seems to think so, and so does an administrator at Western — as long as it's safe and respectful, that is.

In compiling its list, Playboy took feedback from students and alumni, among other sources, and used party atmosphere, sports success and academics as criteria.

"As always, we factor in academic excellence, because the work-hard-play-hard ethic is the DNA of any party school," reads a section at Playboy.com.

John Doerksen, vice-provost for academics at Western, said he's surprised UWO made the list,

"On Tuesdays, students cram into Ceeps to play Sledgehammer Bingo, which is basically an excuse to strip and drink (as if one were needed),"
FROM PLAYBOY.COM

considering the school stresses academic success. With an admissions average around 90 per cent, students need "significant accomplishments academically" to attend, he said.

But that doesn't rule out the importance of life outside of studies.

"I think we're a school that engages students not just academically but also in co-curricular ways, so if that equals partying, then that equals partying," Doerksen said. "It's a univer-



► Scott Milos wears his game face as he tosses the ball to friends on the grounds in front of University College on Thursday. Milos and friends, all first-year science students at Western, were taking a break from studying for a physics exam set for Friday.

sity that puts an emphasis on the whole student experience.

"Is that incompatible with the notion of a party school? I would say that to the extent that if there's partying, it's in the context of a safe and respectful campus environment."

● KYLE REA

In good company

Playboy has only published the list six times in its history — in 1987, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

► The University of Colorado at Boulder took

top spot in the most recent list.

► McGill is the only other Canadian school to have made the list, ranking 10th in 2006.

► UWO's reputation as a party school received a

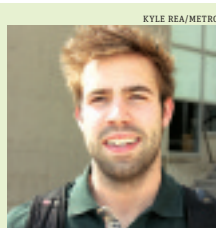
boost in October 2005, when an 18-year-old student from Saugeen-Maitland Hall performed a strip tease for a birthday party. The video went viral online, and the disrobing woman was eventually dubbed The Saugeen Stripper.

No shame in UWO students' game

It's never been a secret that Western is a great place to get in on the partying front. That the school has for so long been preceded by its wild reputation is well known among students, some of whom hold that reputation as nothing less than a point of pride — and are wondering what Playboy was thinking in denying UWO the No. 1 spot.

We visited the campus and asked students, who are right now in the thick of a prime steam-blowing period known as exam season, what they make of their school's being the first Canadian university to crack the gentlemanly magazine's Top 5.

● KYLE REA



1

Tom Howell,
fourth-year finance

"I'm pretty proud of it. When it comes to southwestern Ontario, Western is definitely No. 1."



2

Sabrina Meffe,
fourth-year sociology

"I think we should be No. 1! The fact that Playboy thinks we're one of the best party schools means we're becoming more known."



3

Griffin Bourjeaurd,
fourth-year finance

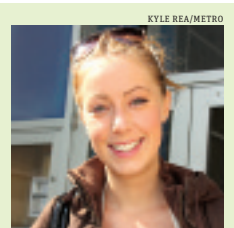
"I'm proud of it. I think it helps that there are raves in London every week and so many good DJs."



4

Caroline Ryba,
fourth-year business management

"We're definitely a party school. I went to Queen's before, and it doesn't even come close!"



5

Andrea Lawson,
fourth-year criminology

"Why are we only No. 4? I can party four times a week and still pull off 80s!"



KYLE REA/METRO

► Diana Gordon, supervisor of adoptions at the London Animal Care Centre, plays with Kirbie, an eight-week-old kitten who liked her so much, he climbed onto her shoulders to play. The shelter is expecting a deluge of animals, particularly cats and kittens, as spring arrives and mating season is in full swing.

It's raining cats, just without dogs

► London city shelter only euthanizes cats that are too sick, too feral, or if there is not enough space for them



A city shelter that takes in stray cats is preparing for a flood of stray, or unwanted cats as the spring mating season kicks into high gear.

That's according to Kent Lattanzio, who runs London's Animal Care Centre, 121 Pine Valley Dr. He said things are OK now, but it's only a matter of time before the deluge begins.

"Generally in late March and at the beginning of April, our staff starts to brace themselves for excessive numbers of cats," he said. "There are

Meow

London Animal Care Centre is the official stray centre for the city.

- The shelter has space for 120 cats and 40 dogs — animals up for adoption can be viewed at www.accpets.ca.
- Dogs and cats are kept at the shelter for five days, after which point the decision is made whether to euthanize or adopt them out.

just not enough homes for these cats in the city."

Lattanzio noted cat overpopulation is a North

America-wide phenomenon. Stray and unwanted pets often come from owners who haven't spayed or neutered their animals. They have kittens and with no home for those pets, they end up in shelter.

With limited space, Lattanzio said they can only keep so many cats. If there are too many, staff has a difficult choice to make about whether to euthanize the animal.

"It's a battle we fight from the inside every day," he said, adding if there is absolutely no room in the shelter, it's a choice that has to be made.

Ont. GDP grew more than rest of Canada, U.S. in Q4: Duncan

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS/

► Finance Minister
Dwight Duncan

Ontario's economy outperformed expectations in the fourth quarter with a 0.9 per cent jump in Gross Domestic Product, leading to an annualized growth rate of 3.8 per cent for 2010.

The province's economy outperformed both Canada and the United States, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said Thursday.

Fourth-quarter numbers were led by strong growth in exports, despite the rising dollar, as well as continued gains in business investment and consumer spending, added Duncan.

"Another quarter of very solid growth ... right across the board," he said. "The Ontario economy has now had six quarters in a row of growth, and we're very pleased with the results."

While an above-par dollar tends to hurt Ontario ex-

ports, Duncan said he considered the high-flying loonie's impact on the economy as he prepared the provincial budget last month.

"That dollar rose throughout those last six quarters, and we're still seeing manufacturers invest in new equipment, which makes our economy more

93% Duncan said Ontario is turning the corner after the recent recession, and has recovered 93 per cent of the jobs lost during the downturn, creating about 239,000 jobs between May 2009 and March 2011.

productive," he said. "It is above par, and that's a concern and was cited in the budget as a risk factor, and I think it is an important factor."

The report shows a sharp 7.6 per cent drop in auto production, a major source of weakness for the manufacturing sector in the fourth quarter.

But Duncan wasn't overly concerned about the drop. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Bus stop in a state of Transit-ion

Ryan Michael Ollson has won the contest to design the bus stop makeover at 340 Wellington St. Ollson's proposal, titled IN TRANSITION, was selected by apk live, LifePaths Global Alliance, and the London Transit Commission.

Ollson, who works for London firm Cornerstone Architecture, will have his winning bus stop makeover design installed in the next few weeks.

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Hitting the pavement for tumors

A London Rowing Team is raising funds and awareness for the battle against brain tumors.

On Saturday, the London Rowers Fighting Brain Tumours Team will be at Springbank Gardens for the Spring Sprint. Start time is 10 a.m.

The funds raised will help London-based Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada provide patient support, education and research. Visit springsprint.ca or call 519-642-7755. ● METRO

\$1.7M grant for Lawson, Western

Health researchers at Lawson Health Research Institute and the University of Western Ontario have received a \$1.7-million boost from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

Nearly 75 per cent of deaths associated with diabetes are due to complications affecting the heart. The award will allow Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti, a scientist at Lawson, and colleagues to investigate abnormalities in the heart muscles of diabetics. ● METRO

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Party leaders get set for an 18-day sprint

► 24 Sussex Drive is the winning post ► But will Canadian voters shake off their election blahs?



Now comes the hard part.

After the TV debates, all four party leaders hit the election trail Thursday to begin the 18-day sprint to the May 2 election.

The two debates could signal the start of serious public engagement in an election campaign that appears not to have galvanized the electorate.

And backdrops are something every polished campaigner tries to ensure will properly project their campaign message.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff was at a hardware store in

Gatineau, Que., making a pitch for his party's permanent home energy retrofit program.

NDP Leader Jack Layton, flanked by his lone MP from Quebec Thomas Mulcair, used his big orange campaign tour bus as a backdrop to stress his party's hopes of making inroads in Canada's second-biggest province.

And Prime Minister Stephen Harper, framed by a dozen Quebec Conservative candidates who applauded his every utterance, pounded on the theme of a majority government that could provide stability while rewarding the "regions" that see fit to elect Tories.

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Ethnic angst

► Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff picked up Thursday where he left off during the televised leaders' debates, lambasting Prime Minister Stephen Harper over an email a Tory campaign worker sent out seeking people in "ethnic costume" to serve as a backdrop at an event with the PM.

► "The opportunity is to have up to 20 people in national folklore costumes which represent their ethnic backgrounds," the email said.

► It added: "These people will sit in front row behind the PM — great TV photo-op."



► Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, tune skis at Mont Sainte Anne in Quebec on Thursday.

Quebec's Mugette becomes a Twitter topper

Deciding which party leader won the French-language debates is a job for the political pundits. But there's no denying who stole the social media show.

And it wasn't a politician.

It was Quebec's Mugette Paille, one of the Canadians chosen to ask the leaders a pre-recorded question during Wednesday night's debate.

The 53-year-old, from

Sainte-Angèle-de-Prémont, Que., shot to the top of trend charts on Twitter after she asked the four leaders what their parties were doing to help her find a job.

As the leaders fought it out, Paille's predicament came up again and again.

Within minutes, a Facebook page had been set up in her name, clips of her question were on YouTube and her last name was featured in more tweets than

issues like jobs or taxes.

She's now being compared to Joe the Plumber, an American man who shot to stardom during the 2008 U.S. elections when he asked Democrat Barack Obama about small business taxes.

The Republicans turned him into a metaphor for middle-class America.

Paille demurred when in a post-debate interview it was suggested she was a star.

"No, you're exaggerating," she said.

Meanwhile, both debates struck some online users as quite similar.

"So far, the French debate is very similar to the English debate in that all the people asking the questions are white," was one tweet widely circulated.

Others wondered why there weren't questions from francophones outside Quebec.

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Quite a crowd

The French debate drew about a third as much social media attention as the previous night's English event.

► An analysis by The Canadian Press found that about 13,000 debate-related tweets had been sent by the time the French event was over.

► That was a far cry from the

English totals, which exceeded 35,000 tweets.

► "It was a very different debate," said digital public affairs strategist Mark Blevis, who conducted the analysis. "It didn't have the same kind of traction."

► Blevis uses a program called Sysomos to scan Twitter and other sites.

► The most common debate-related keyword was Quebec, which appeared more than 1,100 times.

Moore's sweet tweets

Film-maker Michael Moore provided analysis of the election debates on Twitter.

Two quips from @MM-Flint:

— "One of the great things when u live on the

Canadian border is watching their political process. It's like tuning in 2 Mars (but a smart Mars)."

— "Here's hoping the Canadians can lose their Bush-lite PM..."

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► Jean Chrétien

Chrétien: Who needs a majority?

Jean Chrétien took aim Thursday at Prime Minister Stephen Harper's plea for a majority government.

"You know, most of the countries in the world don't have majority

governments," Chrétien, who himself won three consecutive majorities, said in Montreal.

"Only in Canada, when I was there, we had three. In all humility."

Chrétien said the Liber-

als' election campaign has been better than most Canadians thought.

"Not bad, better than expected," he said. "But we knew that the day of the election (call)."

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For refreshing political views, ask students

▶ 22 students help campaign push for a parliamentary seat
▶ Teacher: Kids learn every day, but campaign is real thing



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Matt Henderson is running for the parliamentary seat in Winnipeg South Centre and his advisers are not the usual group of suits — they're his students.

Henderson, a teacher at St. John's Ravenscourt school, asked his Grade 9 students to put together a winning campaign platform.

"I'm opening up the curriculum to them in an au-

thentic way, in a hands-on way and in a way that makes studying the Canadian political system and studying democracy relevant to them," said Henderson.

He's running as an independent.

A number of issues are addressed in Henderson's platform including poverty, the environment and the economy, all of which contain student insight.

"We're taking it very seriously. We're a candidate, we don't do it just for fun,"

said Henderson. "We're trying to put together a coherent campaign, with coherent ideas."

Henderson added that his team is able to look at issues in a more objective fashion as his students have yet to establish a political opinion.

"They're able to look at an issue from a perspective without having a jaded experience," said Henderson. "These kids blow me away every day. The biggest challenge is that we have 22 perspectives."

Wanna. Chihuahua



▶ Animal care supervisor Roxanne Johns holds an armful of chihuahuas.

JIM WILKES/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Yo quiero rescue me?

Thirty-three chihuahuas were rescued from a squalid home in Oakville earlier this month by the Oakville and Milton Humane Society. Since then, the society has been overwhelmed by more than 200 applications to adopt the little dogs.

Will price be right for T.O. zoo?

Bob Barker, the former Price Is Right host and animal activist, is heading to Toronto on Friday to convince zoo management to send elephants Toka, Thika and Iringa to new homes in the U.S.

Barker says he will likely contribute some of his own money to help move three Toronto elephants to a warmer climate.

The zoo has spent the last three years studying whether to close or upgrade the elephant exhibit and plans a vote on May 12.

Last month, Barker offered Edmonton \$100,000 to make sure the city's lone elephant, Lucy, gets a checkup with experts chosen by Zoocheck Canada.

The city has turned down the offer, saying it has its own experts.

Barker and activists want the elephants moved to a sanctuary **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Raging loonie feeds price gap

▶ Canadian consumers paying at least 20 per cent more than U.S. counterparts for some goods

A flyaway loonie has given rise to a massive price discrepancy.

Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist of the Bank of Montreal, notes that in the summer of 2009 the spread was just under seven per cent. With the rebound in the currency, the gap has widened even more.

BMO's survey compared 11 items. For example, a Blu-ray copy of the movie *The King's Speech* cost \$24.99 in Canada, 28 per cent more than it would have cost in the U.S. in Canadian dollars. Titleist's premier ProV1 golf balls were 11 per cent more expensive in Canada at \$49.99, versus \$45.07 south of the border.

The biggest discrepancy was with running shoes,

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(104.19¢ US)

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(\$108.11 US)

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(- 6.3¢ US)

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where the five samples averaged \$147.99 in Canada, 48 per cent more than if the shoes were purchased in the U.S.

It is hard to pinpoint just one reason for the gap. The U.S. retail sector is more competitive than Canada's and subject to far more discounting by retailers. The American economy is also in tougher shape than Canada's, making it more difficult to sustain higher prices. And Canadian importers negotiate wholesale prices with U.S. suppliers early in the year, so swings in currency values may not reflect that until later.

Bruce Cran of the Consumers' Association of Canada says Canadians "are being gouged as consumers." He says his group's surveys show the situation is worse than BMO makes out, with the price difference closer to 30 per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Zipcar. IPO



▶ Zipcar chairman and CEO Scott Griffith, second from right, rings the opening bell at the NASDAQ Market Site in New York yesterday after his company's IPO was listed.

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Just zipping right along

Shares of Zipcar Inc. soared after the company's initial public offering yesterday performed better than predicted. Zipcar went for \$18 US a share, well above the \$14 to \$16 projection. At \$18 a share, Zipcar's IPO is worth nearly \$175 million US, about 40 per cent more than original predictions.

28 The Quinn family's 28 per cent stake in Anglo Irish Bank is worthless today after its nationalization in 2009. Quinn owes Anglo more than \$4 billion US.

Quinn mighty no more

Sean Quinn, one of Ireland's wealthiest men, is the latest casualty of the nation's banking disaster. Anglo Irish Bank has approval to strip Quinn of any role in managing the

Quinn Group's 13 divisions. Quinn's empire was destroyed when he gambled billions on the success of Anglo Irish Bank has approval to strip Quinn of any role in managing the bust. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

RIM's PlayBook a work in progress: Critics

The advance reviews of Research In Motion's PlayBook are in, and they're generally not good.

The New York Times' prominent tech writer David Pogue calls the tablet "half-baked" and says "it seems almost silly to try to assess it, let alone buy it."

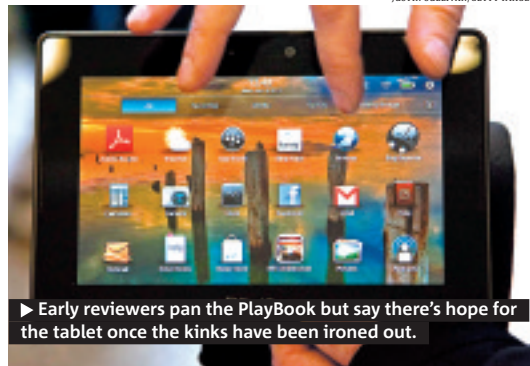
Pogue is one of several U.S. reviewers who were given early access to the much-anticipated device, which RIM hopes can com-

pete with Apple's iPad 2.

But while reviews had good things to say about the PlayBook's hardware, its Flash-able web browser and slick interface, most were largely negative.

RIM sent out multiple software updates for the PlayBook while reviewers were assessing it and most indicated there's hope for the device, once it's in a finished state.

Some critics lamented that the first version being



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

released is Wi-Fi only and cannot connect to mobile networks.

A handful of critical apps, including those for email, BlackBerry Messenger and contacts, appear on the PlayBook only when a wireless link is established with a BlackBerry. When the link is broken, those apps disappear off the tablet. It's a feature that business users may appreciate to help keep sensitive data

under control. But consumers will have to wait several months for a promised update before they can keep those essential apps on the PlayBook at all times.

"RIM has just shipped a BlackBerry product that cannot do email. It must be skating season in hell," Pogue wrote.

"For now, the PlayBook's motto might be, 'There's no app for that.'"

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top court to rule on national regulator

Canada's financial markets are a national and international concern that requires the broad oversight of a national securities regulator, federal lawyers argued at the Supreme Court on Thursday.

The court is hearing arguments that the current

system of 13 provincial and territorial regulators falls short, and that Canada needs to be able to present a unified response to inter-provincial and international problems. However, several provinces are seeking to block the legislation.

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Manufacturing slide bigger than expected

Canada's manufacturing sector suffered a setback in February, another indication that the economic jumpstart that began the year is slowing.

Manufacturing sales declined 1.5 per cent, or \$720 million, and volumes fell even further by 2.3 per

cent. The retreat was widespread, with 15 of 21 industries declining, though the biggest fall-off was in Ontario's auto and Quebec's aerospace industries.

The two provinces were responsible for \$646 million of the lost sales during the month. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ontario economy rallied in 2010

Ontario's economy outperformed expectations in the fourth quarter of 2010, with a 0.9 per cent jump in gross domestic product.

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan says Ontario's GDP, which grew at an annualized rate of 3.8 per cent in 2010, outdid

that of both Canada and the United States. Duncan says there was strong growth in exports, despite the rising dollar, and gains in business investment and consumer spending.

It was the sixth consecutive quarter of growth in Ontario. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The Metro List

NEIL MORTON



FRIGHTENED FOR CHARLIE

1 Wedding of the Century. Up to two billion people are expected to tune in for Will & Kate's Big Day on April 29, making this the most watched TV event in history — not to mention one of the biggest social media days. So if you're not into the royal wedding, you might want to find a cabin deep in the woods and be a luddite for a day.

2 Charlie Sheen Tour. His roller-coaster jeers/cheers Violent Torpedo Of Truth tour hit Toronto last night and tonight. The big question remains: Are Charlie's showgoers and his 3.5 million-plus followers on Twitter (@CHARLIESHEEN) merely enablers to his mental issues and addictions he is battling. Dr. Drew, who has said, "I'm frightened for the guy," might agree.

3 Hockey Fever. Political parties moved the date of the French language debate to Wednesday from Thursday to avoid conflicting with a Montreal Canadiens' playoff game against their arch-rival Boston Bruins. This may be an (other) important election, but you don't want to compete with hockey-mad viewers.

4 Bronx Zoo. Its World of Reptiles exhibit will now be quite the tourist attraction after its Egyptian cobra escaped and someone created a hilarious @bronzzooscobra Twitter account (with 241,000 followers and counting), tweeting its time on the run, er, slither. The snake was found and the zoo held a "submit a name" promotion for the world famous cobra. The winner after 60,000 votes were cast? Mia.

5 Piers Morgan. Larry who? Some questioned the choice to replace the iconic Larry King with Piers Morgan, who was best known as being a judge on America's Got Talent. But Morgan now hosts the most watched news program on CNN — Piers Morgan Tonight — and has become must-watch TV for his hard-ball-with-a-cheeky-grin questions.

6 John Deere, Meet Wal-Mart. A passerby happened to catch a driverless John Deere tractor's destructive run around a Wal-Mart parking lot in Richmond Hill, Ont. And he began filming. As someone says during the video taping, "Put 'em on YouTube!" Well, the filmer did just that and "Tractor demolition derby at Wal-Mart superstore parking lot in Richmond Hill" has gone viral, with nearly 400,000 views.

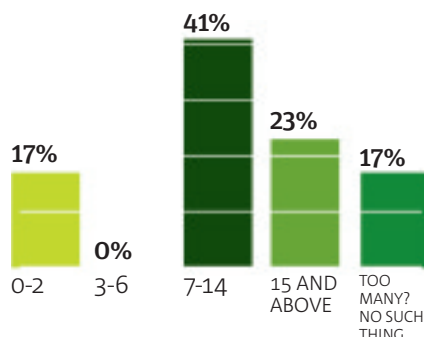
7 @mondoville on Twitter. It's like Canada's version of Gawker.com or Anderson Cooper's "Keeping Them Honest" segments, but in tweets. This "handmade social media news stream" has no sacred cows, and is not afraid to challenge the Canadian media/entertainment/biz/tech industry, or ask for more transparency. Refreshing.

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How many sex partners is too many?



Local tweets



- @mattdarbyson: Weather is beautiful in town, this will cheer me up :)
- @Call_The_Office: @dsisive and @timbukturaps are @call_the_office for an early show Wednesday April 27
- @gingerellah: @mishyme Melrose Bakery on Hamilton Road is amazing!
- @ShannonKarleen: I wish they would do something with this "Manor Village at Historic London" site on Richmond ... It's been like that for years now
- @jbatson20: So over studying ... too bad i have 5 exams still to write -.- #overloadingsucks #uwo
- @MeaghanBoswell: is so proud of UWO for being ranked 4th largest party school in north america #uwo #theschoolyouwish-youwentto
- @dinoudoubleu: #uwo makes #playboy top ten list. I think so!
- @KiteLondon: #ldnont kiteboarders plan to hit Lake Erie near rondeau tomorrow morning
- @MegRadford: I just finished the last assignment on the last day in my last year of school. Wow. #UWO #School

Worth mentioning

MOSCOW. Russia has banned the hunting of polar bears this year, thanks to a group with close ties to Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, a longtime defender of large endangered animals.

A Russian-U.S. commission last year agreed to restrict polar bear hunting to 29 animals per year for each country. But The Polar Bear program, established under Putin's patronage, said this week that Russia had waived its quota for bear hunting.

The Polar Bear program, which said U.S. officials had long been reluctant to introduce the cap on hunting, said approximately 100 polar bears a year have been killed in Alaska in recent years.

"Measures taken by Russia will ensure that the United States will be killing at least 70 polar bears fewer than before, which, according to Russian specialists, will help to sustain and boost the population of this beautiful Arctic animal," the group said in a statement posted on Putin's official website.

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Cartoon by Michael De Adder



WEIRD NEWS

As long as it's not that Friday song

It's a whale of a tune — literally. Male humpback whales off the coast of eastern Australia develop a catchy tune each year that they sing to impress lady humpbacks, AFP News reports.

Researchers say the tune spreads to other male whales across the South Pacific Ocean and different groups of whales then sing it throughout the mating season,

according to a study released Thursday by the University of Queensland.

All the catchy whale songs over the past decade originated off the eastern coast of Australia and spread as far as the French Polynesia.

Scientists are puzzled as to why the whales all sing the same song, since it appears they do it to attract a mate. And they're not all that original. While the occasional new song has surfaced, the whales usually seem to mix tunes from previous seasons to create a new sound.

The 11-year project is described as the first documented study of "repeated, dynamic cultural change occurring across multiple populations at such a large geographic scale." ● METRO



► The animated Rio follows a domesticated macaw who travels from Minnesota to Rio de Janeiro.

Reel Guys

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Colourful, musical Rio

► Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Rio ► Musical numbers, strong supporting cast lift a weak story not quite to Pixar levels

Richard Crouse: Mark, I have to get the 800 pound elephant — or in this case, the big blue bird — out of the way right away. Let me say that Rio has an OK story and fine animation but it really lacks the depth of a Pixar film. Maybe I'm spoiled, but when I watch animated movies, whether they are Dreamworks, or, like this one, from Fox, I can't help but think, What would the wizards at Pixar have done with this story?

Mark Breslin: Richard, I agree. Pixar is the gold standard of animated films, but sometimes, you just have to go for the bronze. Or as Stephen Stills once sang, "If you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with." I found there were a lot of things to enjoy about the movie, even if it

Plot synopsis

► In Rio, nerd actor du jour Jesse Eisenberg plays, (what else?) a nerdy birdy named Blu — a domesticated macaw — from small-town Minnesota. He's never learned to fly, but enjoys a happy and healthy life with his owner and BFF Linda (Leslie

wasn't Pixar perfect. Let's start with the look and setting: ravishing colour palette and exotic location: Rio.

RC: Don't get me wrong, Rio is perfectly serviceable. It's colourful and filled with nice little touches like a little bird who warms himself against a traffic light, flitting back-and-forth between the red and green lights, in snowy Minnesota. But even with all the good stuff it isn't particularly memorable.

Mann). When they discover the last remaining female blue macaw in the world lives in Rio de Janeiro (voice of Anne Hathaway) they make the journey to find her. But their trip doesn't go as planned.

► **Ratings:**
Richard: ●●●●
Mark: ●●●●

It'll keep the little ones occupied in the theatre — although very little kids may find some of the action a bit too intense — and has some good messages but there's no real sticky content here.

MB: Yes, the story is weak, and 15 minutes too long. But I found the movie came alive during the three musical numbers, and if there only had been more, a full-blown musical, the movie might have been a near classic. But

there were nice moments of visual wit, and I appreciated Jesse Eisenberg's attempts at Woody Allen line readings. Nigel, the avian villain, is good, as is Tracy Morgan's drooly bulldog. Could have used more of him.

RC: I agree. The movie is just off by 20 per cent. I wasn't much taken with the voice work from the leads but will.i.am, Jamie Foxx, Morgan and particularly Jemaine Clement are great. When their characters are on screen the movie comes alive. When they're not, it doesn't really take flight.

MB: And although it is a sanitized version of Rio de Janeiro presented in the film, I was pleased to see some references to street urchins, favelas, pickpockets and bad Brazilian steakhouses as part of the movie.



Scene in brief



Russell Brand says he was on his best behaviour when he started working with Dame Helen Mirren — until she told him off for it.

The extroverted British comedian plays a drunken playboy in the remake of the 1980s comedy Arthur, alongside Mirren as his straight-laced and long-suffering nanny.

Brand told a news conference in Sydney on Thursday that "she's like, you know, a dame and a lady and so I was naturally quite respectful."

"I kind of was shy when I met her. I think she just did that to you know, break the ice: 'Don't respect me,' she said."

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James Bond remains the spy who loved Sony in deal with MGM for 007 financing, distribution

Movie reviews

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Scream 4 not able to live up to original

Scream 4

Genre: Horror

Director: Wes Craven

Stars: Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox, David Arquette 🌟

Scream was a necessary adrenaline shot in the heart for the horror genre, revitalizing the slasher movie by poking fun at its predictable conventions and clichés. The sequels offered diminishing returns with a third entry so terrible that it killed off the series. Now a decade later along comes Scream 4, reuniting the surviving cast members of the first series for a collection of new killings in the town of Woodsboro. A fantastic opening sequence sets the tone, but things fall apart from there.

The goal of this movie was to comment on the re-



cent slew of horror franchise reboots and remakes that soiled screens over the past few years. Unfortunately, those movies have no conventions or clichés to pick apart, so aside from noting that “remakes suck,” the filmmak-

ers don't have much to do. Ironically the movie ends up being dragged down by the conventions of its own franchise and what was once thrillingly original now feels repetitively dull. Director Wes Craven is still a master genre craftsman,

so there are memorable scares and some clever commentary on contemporary celebrity culture, but overall, Scream 4 is just another needless entry in a franchise long past its prime.

PHIL BROWN



Mulroney: The Opera

Genre: Musical comedy

Director: Larry Weinstein

Stars: Rick Miller, Dan Redican, Stephanie Anne Mills 🌟🌟½

This is no gentle satire on our former PM Brian Mulroney. It actually says the words, names the names and gleefully reopens wounds of a scandal blackened political career that was neither kind nor gentle.

Mulroney's journey

begins in sunny, idyllic Baie Comeau, where a wealthy American land owner sets wee Brian's sights south, and ends on the trash heap of broken dreams. And this IS opera, performed by actors lip-synching to opera stars; expect ear shredding highs, rumbling lows and shock-induced laughs. It's zany, colourful, and takes no prisoners.

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Reese picks elephant over the vampire

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Let's be honest, when Reese Witherspoon sits down to discuss her new film, *Water for Elephants* — an adaptation of the best-selling book about a young veterinary student (Twilight star Robert Pattinson) who joins a traveling circus and finds himself in a love triangle with the star performer (Witherspoon) and sadistic ringmaster (Christoph Waltz) — what inquiring minds really want to know is what it's like to kiss R. Patz?

"Rob possibly had the most hideous, horrible

cold of any co-star I've ever had to do a love scene with ever in my entire (life)," Witherspoon admits with faux repulsion. "I'm talking green, infectious, disgusting! He was literally snorting and snotting through every second of it and it was not appealing. I was just trying not to get sick the whole time," she laughs.

While her rendezvous with Pattinson was less than ideal, Witherspoon forged another very deep connection on set with Tai, the film's titular pachyderm. Growing up in Tennessee, the 35-year-old Oscar-winner was used to riding horses but admits nothing prepared her to "ride (an elephant) bare-

back, in a leotard, holding on with one hand."

"I worked with Tai closely and intensely for a while, developing the routine and practicing," she explains. "It was a very emotional experience for me. One of my favourite stories, which speaks to the intelligence of (Tai) ... was when we were shooting a night shoot really late one night. The next day she was so tired and I asked the trainers, 'Why is she so tired?' And they said, 'Well, she stayed up all night telling all the other elephants what she had been up to.' She lives with six other elephants, who talk to each other by roaring. ... The trainers said the elephants roared for

nearly an hour before they went to bed."

Perhaps one of the things Tai was trumpeting about was how glorious Witherspoon looks in the film, channeling Jean Harlow in tight platinum curls and luxurious satin dresses, that slither over her body. Witherspoon says she watched hours of old films to research her role, changing the way she walked, spoke and stood.

"I had this whole dream of doing an incredible '30s accent," the actress giggles, "and then after the first day (director Francis Lawrence) said, 'I don't think you should do that anymore. It's really hard to understand what you're saying.'"



► Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson star in *Water for Elephants*, which opens in theatres next Friday.

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‘Rich and fruitful edition’ of Cannes

► Movies by Malick, Almodovar, Von Trier headline heavyweight lineup for 2011 Cannes festival

Pedro Almodovar's story of a plastic surgeon bent on exacting vigilante justice and Terrence Malick's period piece about three Mid-western brothers, starring Brad Pitt, are among 19 movies vying for the top prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

The lineup announced Thursday for the 64th edition of the festival is exceptionally strong, with much-anticipated new films by the creme de la creme of auteur filmmakers.

They include Denmark's Lars von Trier, with *Melancholia*, Turkey's Nuri Bilge Ceylan, with *Once Upon a Time in Anatolia*, and Belgium's Dardenne brothers, with *Set Me Free*. Finnish director Aki Kaurismaki's *Le Havre*, Italian Nanni



► Director Pedro Almodovar

Moretti's *Habemus Papam* and French-Romanian filmmaker Radu Mihaileanu's also looked like early top contenders for the coveted Palme d'Or.

Festival managing director Thierry Fremaux told a news conference Thursday he expected this year to be "quite a rich and fruitful

edition" of the famed festival.

Rumour has it that Malick's *The Tree of Life* was initially meant to premiere at last year's edition of the festival but that it wasn't finished in time. The latest film by the acclaimed *The Thin Red Line* director is billed as a story of the loss

1,715

Submissions for the festival, which fell last year to 1,665 films, were back up to 1,715 this year.

of innocence.

Festival regular Almodovar's *The Skin I Live In*, starring Antonio Banderas as the plastic surgeon, follows on his 2009 melodrama *Broken Embraces*, which screened at the Riviera festival.

Jodie Foster's *The Beaver* is to be screened out of competition, as will the latest installment in the blockbuster *Pirates of the Caribbean* series, and Rob Marshall's *On Stranger Tides*.

The Riviera festival runs from May 11-22.

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Let the Games begin

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For British actor Kit Harrington, being called a bastard was something he had to quickly become accustomed to.

Harrington portrays Jon Snow, the illegitimate son of Ned Stark (Sean Bean) in the epic new HBO Canada series *Game of Thrones*.

The show is based on a hugely popular series of fantasy novels by George R. R. Martin. Think *Lord of the Rings* with less magic and orcs and add in a big helping of political manoeuvring akin to *The Tudors*.

Harrington spoke to Metro recently while in Toronto filming *Silent Hill Revelations 3-D* about taking on the role of Snow and playing a bastard.

"It's everything that he is. He is kind, he is loyal to his family, but underneath it all he is the bastard, the illegitimate child," Harrington said.

"He's the bastard child of this very famous man who is famous for being a good loyal man."

With little in the way of future prospects, Snow opts to volunteer for life-long service in the Night's Watch, a group of celibate fighters who man The Wall, the northern border



► Kit Harrington plays Jon Snow in the new HBO series *Game of Thrones*.

of the Seven Kingdoms.

"I think it's the only place he can go," Harrington said. "He needs to go somewhere to be his own man. At this place he can not just be a bastard, but an equal among men and I can rise to the top."

Despite having such a large cast and many different story arcs, *Game of Thrones* is able to do an excellent job of not moving too fast or making things confusing for those that have no knowledge of the

book series.

Harrington himself had no knowledge of the books before being cast in the pilot, although he has since read all four of them.

"There is a balancing act in that you've got to take it (the role) and make it your own, but also you've got to not make it so much your own that it's not the character anymore," Harrington said.

Game of Thrones premieres Sunday 9 p.m. ET on HBO Canada.



A royal cocktail

► Raise a glass to Kate and William with this tippie

Charlotte Voisey is a mixologist for William Grant & Sons. She has created signature cocktails in celebration of the monarchy's ties to Canada. This one, aptly named Commonwealth Celebration, combines Irish whiskey with a dash of maple syrup — the perfect Canadian touch.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 oz (45 mL) Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey
- 1 oz (30 mL) Dubonnet Rouge
- 1/2 oz (15 mL) Apricot Brandy
- 1/4 oz (10 mL) maple syrup

Method

Combine all of the ingredients and stir well. Strain the drink into a stemmed cocktail glass. Garnish with an orange spiral.

► NICOLE KEEN/WEDDINGBELLS



Alison Krauss & Union Station's Paper Airplane takes flight

► After a long delay, bluegrass supergroup releases its first album since 2004 ► Previous attempts just didn't feel right ► But a collaboration with Robert Lee Castleman inspired new material, including album's title track



► Alison Krauss & Union Station

Alison Krauss & Union Station needed songs — bad.

They had plenty to start with when they began recording for the album that would become *Paper Airplane*.

Over time, though, they became disenchanted. Many of the songs just didn't feel right for the bluegrass supergroup known for the special quality of its material.

"It's quite possible that we canned three albums worth of material," singer

and guitarist Dan Tyminski said. The band soon decided that its long-delayed and much-anticipated follow-up to 2004's *Lonely Runs Both Ways* would be delayed once again.

Most of the songs the band had already recorded didn't have that immediate feel they were looking for. They culled six from those first sessions, but that didn't make a complete album. So they started a search for more.

Krauss decided to lean

on an old friend Robert Lee Castleman, who had come through for her many times in the past on Grammy-winning songs like *The Lucky One* and *Restless*.

She got some bad news, though. Turned out Castleman was a very happy man.

"And he says, 'I'm dry. I don't have anything. I'm not inspired,'" Krauss said. "He's always written about love and it not working out and he's now married with a beautiful daughter and a beautiful son."

Nevertheless, he invited Krauss over and she sat with him for a while, catching him up on her life.

"So then about seven hours later he called me with a title," Krauss said. "He said it's called *Paper Airplane*."

It is an unusual song in that it's completely personal for Krauss, yet she didn't write a single word. It proved to be Krauss' favourite and became the title track, leading off the album. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

THE DAY THAT JOSH HOMME CAME BACK TO LIFE

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Josh Homme (Queens of the Stone Age, Them rooked Vultures, Eagles of Death Metal) isn't exactly a delicate figure. At six-foot-four and somewhere near 250 pounds, few people would be dumb enough to take him on. But even the most robust among us can collide head-on into our own mortality.

"I didn't even speak to my closest friends at that time because stories like this are so awful that you

just don't want to tell anybody," he told me. "It's like saying 'This tasted like s**t. Here, taste it.'"

"I had surgery on my leg," Josh points to a spot on his upper left thigh. He continues quietly, still shaken. "During the surgery, they were unable to get the oxygen tube down my throat to resuscitate me. So my blood began to de-oxygenate. So I guess I was choking to death."

Josh goes very quiet. "And they lost me." And when he says "lost," he

means "full cardiac arrest." Flat-lined. Technically dead.

"They had to defibrillate me, which added a lot of recovery time because, essentially, you're being electrocuted."

The next day, he shuffled through the hallways of the hospital with an IV pole. When QotSA guitarist Troy Van Leeuwen showed up with a giant bunch of balloons, "it was the most amazing thing I ever saw," he says.

So what about those mythical near-death experi-

ences? Nothing — at least in Josh's experience. "I was out. I didn't see any tunnel or anything because I was under. But it kind of turned me around for a little bit because I'd never really been hurt like that. It makes a lot of stuff seem really trivial."

Initially, he didn't want to play music. "You start asking yourself why do all the people I don't know get all my love and attention and the people I really love... I'm gone so much. It took me a second to get



▶ Josh Homme

back to where I am now, embracing music again."

Josh and his wife are expecting a second child in August. That's all that matters now.

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Has Scarlett moved in with Sean Penn?



▶ Scarlett Johansson



▶ Sean Penn

► Sources say they're living together at Penn's Malibu mansion

Scarlett Johansson is reportedly living with Sean Penn now after three months of dating, according to Us Weekly.

The Iron Man 2 actress has been spending most of her time at Penn's \$3.8 million Malibu home and "has essentially moved in over the last few weeks," sources tell the

magazine.

The pair have been keeping their public outings to a minimum and prefer to "just stay home" when they can, hanging out with Penn's two children — daughter Dylan, 20, and son Hopper, 17 — and pals like Javier Bardem and Owen Wilson. ● METRO

Family stress gets to Zeta-Jones

Catherine Zeta-Jones has checked herself into a mental health facility, according to Popeater.

"After dealing with the stress of the past year, Catherine made the decision to check in to a mental health facility for a brief stay to treat her Bipolar II Disorder," her rep confirms.

The actress has been under considerable stress

this year, first from her stepson, Cameron Douglas, being sent to prison on drug charges, and then from her husband, Michael Douglas, battling throat cancer.

"Catherine had a lot of trouble coping [with Douglas' cancer]," a source says.

"She was chain smoking and drinking."

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▶ Catherine Zeta-Jones



Aniston, Cooper 'in contact'

After one alleged date in 2009, Jennifer Aniston and newly single Bradley Cooper are now reportedly back in touch, according to People magazine.

"In the past few weeks, they have stayed in contact," a source says. "Jen always had a soft spot for Bradley, and she thinks he is very attractive and charming." When their first outing two years ago was caught by paparazzi, Cooper quickly dismissed any romantic notions, saying, "She's a friend of mine. Simply, simply, just a friend." ● METRO

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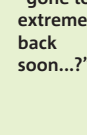


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Arquette's not over Courteney

David Arquette and Courteney Cox may still be separated, but it's not for any lack of trying on Arquette's part. The actor admits to trying to reignite the romance in their relationship during a recent trip to Disney Land with their daughter. "This is the happiest place on Earth!

Let's make it happier!" Arquette says of the trip in an interview with Howard Stern. Pressed by Stern on whether his attempts even led to a kiss from his estranged wife, Arquette says, "A little bit. It was like we were ... eighth graders. Seventh graders."

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► This weekend, skip the tired eggs and bacon and try this elegant French toast, or fried egg and tuna toast ► These recipes take a few easy steps

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These simple recipes contain decadent breakfast flavours.

The first, French Toast Grilled Cheese, is the creation of executive chef Melissa Craig of the Bearfoot Bistro in Whistler, B.C. The second, Fried Egg and Tuna Toast, uses English muffins or olive bread.

French Toast Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Preparation:

- 1 Slice cranberry bread into 6 x 1 1/2-inch (8 cm x 1

cm) slices. In bowl, whisk eggs with cream, salt and pepper. Soak bread in egg mix for 1 minute on each side.

- 2 In skillet set over medium heat brown bread. Slice cheese and place on half of the toast; top with remaining toast. Place on baking sheet; before serving, place in 350 F (180 C) oven to melt cheese.

- 3 Cut stems off figs and cut in half. In heavy-bottom saucepan, melt butter over medium heat and add figs, sauté gently for 2 minutes. Add honey and port and reduce by half until syrupy consistency. Stir in cracked pepper and fresh tarragon. Slice heated sandwich in two and spoon figs and syrup over top. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ALYOUNEEDIS-CHEESE.CA/GRILLED CHEESE**

Ingredients:

- 1 loaf of walnut dried cranberry bread
- 1 wheel (8 oz/250 g) camembert cheese
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) 15% or 18% table cream
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) unsalted butter

Honey Pepper Roasted Figs:

- 8 ripe figs
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) unsalted butter
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) wildflower honey
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) Port wine
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) cracked black pepper
- Pinch fresh tarragon

Fried Egg and Tuna Toast

Preparation:

- 1 Drain tuna, reserving oil. Set tuna aside.

- 2 In skillet heat tuna oil. Add eggs and cook for about 3 minutes until or desired doneness.

- 3 Meanwhile, toast bread. Top with avocado and tuna. Top each with egg and sprinkle with sundried tomatoes.

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Ingredients:

- 2 cans (85 g each) solid light tuna-yellowfin in olive oil
- 4 eggs
- 4 slices olive bread or multi grain English muffins
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped sundried tomatoes

Mesmerizing MacMurray ranch & wine

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Though I'm not easily impressed, a combination of sparkling personality and stunning vineyard views had me at hello while I was touring California's Sonoma County.

I was visiting MacMurray Ranch in the gorgeous Russian River Valley.

Now owned by E & J Gallo, it was originally a cattle ranch built by Fred MacMurray — the Hollywood icon and star of TV's *My Three Sons*.

MacMurray loved the ranch and I got a sense of how important the ranch was to him from my tour guide: His gregarious daughter Kate, who lives on the property in a cabin built by her father with more than a little help from John Wayne.

The property really came to life during a tour with Kate behind the wheel of a four-wheel-drive and me riding shotgun.

Between great stories of other Tinseltown royalty that hung out at the ranch, our conversation turned to wine and how pinot noir has become synonymous with her surname.

One of her favourites is the MacMurray Ranch 2007 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir (\$19.99 - \$30.79) - a plump, berry-driven red that makes a great match for grilled

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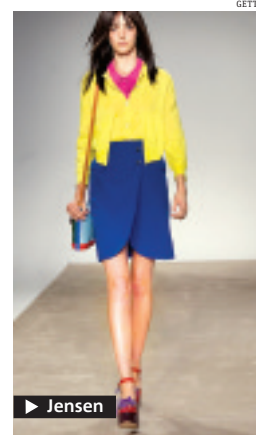
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Canucks' goal is to make Hawks feel it

► Main body-check targets will be Chicago's road-weary top players

After using scoring and speed to become the best team in the NHL this season the Vancouver Canucks turned to crash and bash to win the opening game of their playoff series against the Chicago Blackhawks.

The Canucks plan to keep laying on the muscle when they face the Blackhawks Friday in the second game of the best-of-seven Western Conference quarter-final (CBC, 10 p.m.). Chicago workhorses like Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane and Duncan Keith can expect to find themselves in the Vancouver cross-hairs.

"We're going to try to hit those guys any chance we get," rugged forward Tanner Glass said Thursday after the Canucks practised in Vancouver.

"Those guys are playing a ton of minutes. Any time you get to bump them, it's going to wear them down. That goes a long ways in a long series."

"I don't think we did a great job with our physical play ... We just have to be better ourselves in taking the man."

BLACKHAWKS DEFENCEMEN
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Vancouver outit the defending Stanley Cup champions 47-21 in winning Wednesday's first game 2-0.

Centre Maxim Lapierre, acquired at the trade deadline, led the assault with eight solid checks. Defenceman Alex Edler, playing just his second game since returning to the lineup following back surgery, dealt out seven.

"In the playoffs you want to be physical," said Lapierre.

"It is a long series and you want to be physical on every guy out there."

Chicago had to battle down the stretch for the final playoff spot in the West and Canucks coach Alain



► Blackhawk Jonathan Toews is checked by Vancouver Canucks Jannik Hansen, left, and Christian Ehrhoff

Vigneault plans to keep exploiting the battle-fatigued Hawks.

"It's just part of the process, part of the things we have to do," said Vigneault.

"They had played five games in eight nights. Five stressful and intense games. We felt it was important for us to come out with a good start."

But history isn't on the

Canucks' side as they try to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

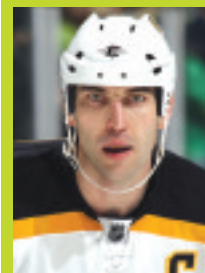
They have never beaten Chicago in Game 2 of any of the four playoff series in which they have clashed.

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► The Miami Heat's Chris Bosh in Toronto in February.

Bosh itching for playoffs to start

- Former Raptor gets chance with contender in Miami
- Never passed first round of post-season with Toronto

Chris Bosh stammered slightly when trying to explain how NBA playoff games are rougher and tougher than ones in the regular season.

He had to really think about his answer.

"Yeah, it's been a while for me," Bosh said.

Quite an understatement.

That's one of the many reasons why Bosh came to the Miami Heat, who expect a bit more than just getting out of the first round.

Miami's post-season starts Saturday, when the Philadelphia 76ers visit for Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarter-finals. To say Bosh has been waiting somewhat impatiently for the playoff challenge to arrive, well, that also would be quite an understatement.

"The past week felt like a month," Bosh said as the regular season wound down. "It's gone by very slow."

From the first day Bosh,

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**Number of games
Chris Bosh has won in
12 post-season games
over eight seasons.**

joined LeBron James and Dwyane Wade in Miami, the Heat have been vilified.

Bosh took that harder than most at times.

Then, just before the all-star break, he said felt "unappreciated" by some around the league.

"But my teammates here appreciate me," Bosh said.

That was proven over the season's final month when the Heat started giving Bosh the ball more. His field goal percentage rose six per cent over the season's final five weeks.

The Heat were the only team in the league with three players ranked among the NBA's top 25 scorers this season, with James second (26.7) and Wade fourth (25.5). Bosh's

18.7 ranked 24th.

The last time Bosh won a championship was high school. With the Raptors, he never really got to know what leading a series felt like.

That makes him often Miami's forgotten man.

He's waited a long time to change his playoff fortunes.

"We know the challenge in front of us," Bosh said. "We have the type of team that does whatever it takes to win. If we need to be more physical, we're going to do that. If we need to rebound more, we're going to do that. More paint points, we're going to do that."

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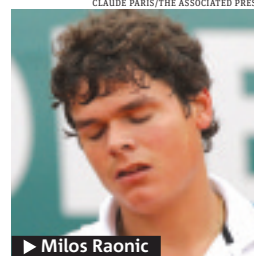
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Eastern Conference

- Bulls (1) vs. Pacers (8)
- Heat (2) vs. Sixers (7)
- Celtics (3) vs. Knicks (6)
- Magic (4) vs. Hawks (5)

Western Conference

- Spurs (1) vs. Grizzlies (8)
- Lakers (2) vs. Hornets (7)
- Mavs (3) vs. Blazers (6)
- Thunder (4) vs. Nuggets (5)



► Milos Raonic

Raonic outmatched on clay

Milos Raonic's clay-court debut came to a grinding halt Thursday in a 6-1, 6-3 loss to Spain's David Ferrer in the third round of the Monte Carlo Masters.

The 20-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., leaves his first ATP clay event with a new appreciation of what it will take to defeat a specialist on the surface.

Raonic was overwhelmed for the second time this season by Ferrer.

"It was a good learning experience but conditions were a lot slower today," said Raonic. "He was really getting to everything."

"Anything I was throwing, he'd find a solution, if not on that point, the next one. He was playing really well. Even if I'm out, I'm happy with how it went this week."

Raonic never made an impression against Ferrer as the Spaniard swept the opening set in 35 minutes.

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Jays seek G20 funds

The Toronto G20 summit struck out big time with the city's baseball team, prompting the Blue Jays to seek almost half a million dollars in compensation from the federal government.

The Jays filed a claim for \$470,854 after the high-level, high-security meetings forced the team to shift a series of games to Philadelphia, records obtained by The Canadian Press show.

The move spoiled the keenly anticipated appearance of ace Philadelphia pitcher Roy Halladay, whom the Jays traded to the Phillies during the off-season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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30 Cronyn Crescent Stan Burditt *
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500 Osgoode Drive Val Fournier *
\$133,900
Lots of storage. Eat-in kitchen. Formal dining room overlooking living room with sliding patio doors to your own small deck and private fenced in yard. Basement has extra bedroom and finished den/home office, large storage and laundry room. Upstairs has three bedrooms, master bedroom has big triple closet. Parking included. Current condo fees under \$200 add to the affordability.

1276 Staffordshire Rd Adam Campbell *
\$409,900
This lovely 4 bedroom 3 bath home located on a quiet road in desirable Hunt Club Green. This home features hardwood flooring on the main level, ceramic, great patio & a spacious main floor family room with gas fireplace. All 6 appliances are included: Fridge, stove, washer, dryer, microwave and dishwasher. This home is move-in ready, close to shopping, schools - both elementary & secondary, downtown but also accessible to walking trails and nature. 2 car garage.

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752 Springbank Dr.
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Large Ranch with private backyard backing onto Mitchell Park. Updated kitchen and large dining room. Bedroom or office/den and TV area off the kitchen and dining room. Very large living room. Master with attached closet and dressing room. Lower level has 3 bedrooms, bathroom and large family room with gas fireplace. Large laundry room that could be converted to a kitchen with storage. This home quite unique property with lots of character.


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\$224,900
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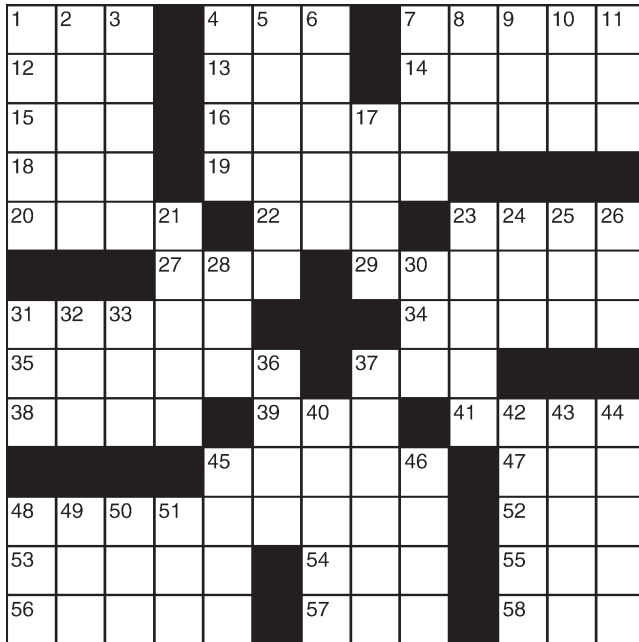
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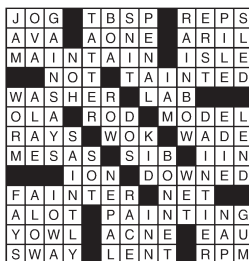
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- 1 Symbol of intrigue
4 iPhone download
7 Nut job
12 Actress Longoria
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15 Part of UCLA
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20 "Phooey!"
22 Green prefix
23 Castro's home
27 Young fellow
29 Trafalgar admiral
31 Daniel who's played 007
34 Prepared
35 Gilligan's boat
37 Scratch
38 Carry
39 Simile center
41 Entanglement
45 Its participants must form a line
47 Spring mo.
48 "The Swedish Nightingale"
52 Conk out
53 Alaskan islander
54 Nourished
55 Cozy lodging
56 Boston newspaper
57 Wayne and Worth (Abbr.)
58 Roulette bet
- Down**
1 People of Pontypridd
2 Bring forth
3 Fundamental
4 Swiss range
5 Cheated at hide-seek
6 "War of the Worlds"



- effect
7 Methods
8 Every iota
9 Spy-novel org.
10 Jennings of "Jeopardy!"
11 Inseparable
17 Night light?
21 "A Fish Called Wanda" Oscar winner
23 Office worker
24 N.A. portion
25 Physique
26 Whatever number
28 Past
30 Historic time
- 31 Nashville-based MTV offshoot
32 Carnival city
33 Pismire
36 Cry like a banshee
37 Fridge decoration
40 Check for smells
42 Bottom
43 Put one's two cents in
44 Pollster's find
45 Info measure
46 Toteboard tally
48 Show that spawned "NCIS"
49 Right angle
- 50 Ultramodernist
51 Gist

► Yesterday's answer



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If you make a wish, it may come true. But it may not be in the way you expected it to.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The less others know about you, the more you will profit.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Don't be vague — put a name to your desire. Identify what you hope to accomplish.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will have good ideas today. Be careful that you don't let your imagination run out of control.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You want to challenge those who claim to be experts. Do you have enough facts to take them on?
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Someone is aiming to get rich at your expense. But it will only happen if you let it.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You'll have to make an effort to get along with people you may not always get along with.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Think about cutting back the amount of work you're doing.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 No matter how difficult it's been lately, you must cheer up.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If you have not come to grips with a career problem, you must get serious about it now.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may not be thrilled by the answers to questions you've been asking, but it's the truth.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 The only way to tell if an offer is right is to ask someone you trust. **SALLY BROMPTON**

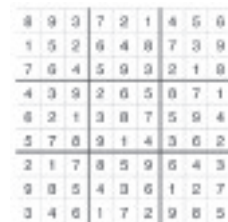
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Yesterday's answer ►



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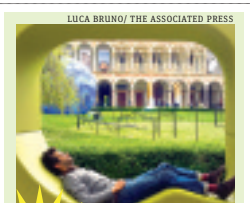
*Your a great friend, but I think about you more than just that. One day you'll see how much you mean to me than just being one of my best friends. **EBONY***

*My dearest B-Dawg, Don't let them haters keep you off your grind. As soon as you hit the stage, applause you'll be hearing it. Just hop out of bed and turn your swag on. You'll be ground shakin', show stoppin', amazing. **M. BROWN***

*Valerie, You are the most beautiful person both inside and out that I have ever met. There is no other for me. Maury and all the gang miss the number one pea of the pod. Please forgive and give this silly pea another chance. Love, **THE OTHER PEA***



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